

# Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes October 19, 2015

## Present:

Norm Cooper Cathi Forsythe Terry Hill Chris Hughson Council Liaison Ed Bejarana

#### Absent:

Michael Kirby - excused Stacy Talus - excused Balwant Bhullar - excused

## Staff:

Scott Anderson, Interim Chief of Police Kristi Walls, Records Specialist

## 1. Call to order:

Meeting was opened by Chair Cooper at 5:32 PM.

#### Roll Call:

Chair Cooper opened the meeting by asking each member that was present to introduce themselves and tell everyone a little about themselves.

Please see the above list for present and absent committee members.

## 2. Approval of minutes:

Committee Member Hill moved to approve the May 4, 2015 minutes. Committee Member Forsythe seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

## 3. Citizens wishing to speak on non-agenda items:

# 4. Meet the Chief:

Interim Chief Scott Anderson introduced himself and gave a brief synopsis of his history with law enforcement. He is currently still a Commander with Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and graciously filling in here at Fairview as Interim Chief of Police. Before that he was Chief of Police with Troutdale for 7 years and prior to that he did several Tours with the UN at the executive level. He served 27 years with Portland Police Department in various positions. Before that 1 year with the Newberg Police Department

and prior to that a Reserve with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office. Completing a circle with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

# 5. Committee Business:

## a. Introduce New Members:

New members introduced themselves at roll call.

# b. Schedule Meeting Dates:

Chair Cooper confirmed that PSAC had scheduled 2016 for all the quarterly meetings. Council Liaison Bejarana said he would introduce his goals about that. Chair Cooper suggested that he go ahead and do that now.

#### 5. Presentation:

## a. Two new Council Goals - Council Liaison Bejarana

Council Liaison Bejarana told the committee that there are two goals that The City Council will be voting on Wednesday. The first is Emergency Preparedness at the city level. There are already discussions with the entire metro area. The Council would like PSAC to lead the charge to create a City Emergency Preparedness Plan, which would include a 5 day plan if a disaster struck.

The second item that will be voted on is an Enhanced Neighborhood Watch Program. City Council is looking for The PSAC committee to come up with ways to enhance the Neighborhood Watch Program.

With these two goals the City Council would like PSAC to meet monthly.

## Discussion:

Member Forsythe thought the timing for the Emergency Preparedness perfect. She is currently a member of the EOC in Gresham.

Brian Cooper said he is currently the Council Liaison for the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization and has also been talking to the County about Emergency Preparedness. Cooper said someone from The Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization would like to come out and talk to PSAC. He mentioned the C.O.P.P. program and some other programs that could benefit in a disaster type situation.

Member Hill knows a very active Hand Radio Group in Fairview and Woodvillage. Council Liaison Bejarana said there are 30-35 users within the city. Chair Hill thought they would be a great asset for the Emergency Preparedness. He will contact a couple of leaders from the Amateur Radio Emergency Services to come at the next PSAC meeting.

There was also discussion about Between Member Hill and Liaison Bejarana regarding the city water resources.

Norm bought up the fact that we have not had a very active group in the past and possible should have two separate task forces for the two Council goals. Member Hughson supports Chair Coppers thoughts.

Interim Chief Anderson said he is Pro Neighborhood Watch. It should not be run by the Police Department. It should be run by the community. He said an active Neighborhood Watch

program works. Interim Chief Anderson stated that the challenge this program has is how to sustain them, how to keep the energy level up, and has to have ownership by the community.

Kristi Walls suggested a Neighborhood Watch Fair.

Brian Cooper thought a Neighborhood Watch Fair would be a fantastic idea for the summer.

Interim Chief Anderson suggested possibly in the spring having a Public Safety Fair and incorporating the Neighborhood Watch.

Member Forsythe made a motion to meet every third Monday of the month at 5:30. Member Hill seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

It was asked that Kristi Walls email all members a reminder that we will be meeting monthly every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 5:30.

## 7. New Business:

We wished Norm Cooper a Happy Birthday

## 8. Adjournment:

Next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2015 5:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Submitted by

Kristi Walls Records Specialist 10/22/2015

Approved by

Date

2/22/16